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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 18, 2008, finally rejecting claims 12 and 37-45, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) accompanies this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.